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RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR GWYN-HARPER MFG. CO.

Patterson Cotton Mill Brought Into Court by
Minority Stockholders, Who Want to See
Books---Judge Webb to
Name Receiver.

A receiver for the Gwyn-Harper Manufacturing Company at Patterson, Caldwell county, was made in a court yesterday before Judge Webb at the instance of minority stockholders and Judge Webb announced that he would name a receiver to take charge February 12. The proceedings before the court were begun under authority of an act of the legislature of 1913 and amended in 1915 providing for an audit of the books of a corporation which has not paid as much as four per cent dividend in three years.

Attorneys from Lenoir passed through Hickory last night on their way home from Lincolnton, where the proceedings were instituted. Former Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland and Mark Squires represented W. J. Lenoir and other minority stockholders, and Capt. Edmund Jones of Lenoir and Tillet & Guthrie of Charlotte appeared for the company. The company, it was said, did not oppose a receiver after being convinced that there was no other way out of the controversy.

The Gwyn-Harper Manufacturing Company was organized as a partnership in 1871 and was continued under that management until 1886, when it was incorporated. It has a capital stock of \$50,000 and, its minority stockholders believe, has been a paying business. Its indebtedness amounts to only \$7,000, it was said. Mr. S. F. Harper of Patterson is president. Mr. Lenoir and other minority stockholders own twenty-five per cent of the stock. They did not urge the appointment of any special man as receiver.

FEW STRIKES IN GERMANY

Less Than 9 Per Cent. As Many
Now As Before the War

The extent to which the great war has brought enforced industrial peace to Germany is shown by official data on strikes and lockouts during the second quarter of 1915, contained in recent issues of German newspapers. In that period only 42 strikes were reported, as against 499 that were reported in the same three months in 1914. Of these 12 were won by the men, 10 compromised and 20 lost. The greatest number of workers involved as the same time was 4,294 in 79 shops compared with 26,693 in 2,476 shops in 1914. There was but one lockout against 51 in the same quarter of the year before. It affected 1,400 persons employed in a machine shop in the Province of Brandenburg and was partly successful.

The Province of Silesia, with 2,963 lockout strikes in the second quarter of 1915, the Kingdom of Saxony followed, with 2,745, and then came the city of Berlin and the Rhineland district, with 2,620 and 1,298, respectively. The industries most affected were rubber smelting, turf cutting, metal working and building.

USING CHEAP TOBACCO

Parisians Now Eager For Weed They
Scorned Two Years Ago.

Before the war no tobacco was too fine for the Parisienne, Egyptian, Turkish or Russian, especially that which arrived in a diplomat's letter box, was eagerly sought. Cigarettes with real gold tips were not enough. A pipe with a considered a memento of a mouthpiece.

Now all that is changed. The cheapest tobacco is the fashion in their sympathy with the men at the front. They have taken to smoking "capers" as their heroes do. The ivory cigarette holders may have a circle of pearls set in it, but the cigarette must be the same as "his."

A similar spirit has led to the wearing of cheap furs. Hares and goats are the adornment where formerly sable was worn. It is not merely that economy is the order of the day, though that is true; it is felt that luxury is out of tune with the times.

KILLED BY TRAIN

(By Associated Press.)

Rocky Mount, Feb. 2.—A. L. Artz, 34, was killed by a train at Rocky Mount, N. C., yesterday. He was fatally injured last night at Weldon when an Atlantic Coast Line train struck him. He died four hours later after reaching a hospital at Rocky Mount.

MANY ARE KILLED IN BOAT EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 2.—A majority of the crew and men on the boat Santa Brown are believed to have been killed when the boiler of the boat exploded in the Ohio river here today. Six survivors of the boat reached shore on the opposite side of the river.

The southern golf interest is at Pinehurst this week. Next week the South Florida championship will draw the players to Palm Beach.

BERLIN HOPEFUL OF SETTLING LUSITANIA

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Feb. 2.—Instructions have been sent by the German government to Ambassador von Bernstorff at Washington to "give reasonable hope of a positive understanding" concerning the Lusitania affair, it was announced here today.

The announcement, which was semi-official, was said to be made because of alarmist English reports, and is as follows:
"It is true that on Saturday, January 29, a telegraphic report from the German ambassador arrived at Berlin, showing that up to that time it had been impossible to adjust the Lusitania matter satisfactorily to both sides by friendly verbal exchanges of views. On Tuesday instructions were submitted to the German ambassador, which gave reasonable hope of a positive understanding."

SNOW PROMISED IN TODAY'S FORECAST

Considering what we have had for the past few days, it was unkind in the weather man to promise us a little snow—but he has. The forecast issued today predicts a white blanket for the western part of the state and rain for the east. People whose coal bins are not well supplied, might take the tip.

A miserable little creature, more bedraggled than a drowned rat, waited for an opportunity today to emerge from his hole in the ground. He would have come out earlier, but it was so rainy and dry that he didn't have the term to leave him swimming hole. Later in the day he ventured out.

It was the ground hog of course, come to determine whether or not he was to have six more weeks of winter or whether spring is to open up at once. He may see his shadow in Georgia or South Carolina or Happy Valley, but if he doesn't see it in Catawba, spring will begin forthwith; but if he does behold it, there will be six more weeks of windy blasts. A whole lot was hanging in the balance today.

There was every indication this morning that the Mistr Groundhog would slide about in the mud without being frightened at his shadow. For several days rain has fallen; it fell last night; it fell all day, and it seemed likely to fall all day. When this was written the Record did not know what the ground hog would do about the weather, but everybody will admit he could not make a worse job of it than the local weather man, Mr. Gwin, of that lot. Willis Moore, for inflicting an unoffending community with the rottenest article imaginable, these fellows can't be beaten. Come, ground hog, and show 'em up!

START LITTLE MOTHER CLASS

Girls in Philadelphia Schools Are
Taught to Care For Babies

Philadelphia North American. Children in 16 public schools have enrolled in the "Little Mothers" classes organized by the child federation and the bureau of health's division of child hygiene.

A municipal nurse will be the instructor of each class, and enrollment will be voluntary.
The work was organized in the schools of neighborhoods where school girls are likely to be called on to take care of baby brothers and sisters. The lessons are particularly attractive, with a life-size doll and real baby clothes and equipment.

The Little Mothers' League movement had a small beginning in three experimental classes conducted during the summer of 1913 by the child federation. The instruction relative to the care of babies is now an integral part of the course in domestic economy in the elementary schools in the city. Many hundreds of little girls are being instructed in the domestic economy classes in the schools, and instructed by members of the child federation.

The return of Hank O'Day as a National league umpire is hailed as a genuine benefit to the game.

ENGLISH LINERS INSURED FOR \$3,000,000

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 2.—Perplexity regarding the question of insurance on the liner Appam is admitted at Lloyds, as the case is an unprecedented one. The solution of the puzzle depends largely on the attitude of the United States government as to whether the Appam is to be considered a merchantman or a German cruiser. She is considered a war loss by the underwriters, however, and it is believed she will not be announced at Lloyds as having arrived safely at port, as would have been done if she had a complete journey to England. The sinking of the other liners means a large loss to the underwriters. It probably will amount to \$3,000,000.

SIX NEGROES CAUGHT IN GAMBLING RAID

Jiwarick's house on Eighth avenue was raided last night by Chief Lentz and Sergeant Sigmon and after a scramble that carried the officers into every room of the den, six negroes were arrested and three were being sought today. The trial was set for 2 o'clock this afternoon before Recorder Campbell. The charge is gambling, the game being "skin." The chief went in the front door and the sergeant the rear. All lights mysteriously went out, as if sniffed by a big breeze, and the alleged gamblers sought shelter in the dark. Some broke for the various doors and windows and during the excitement, Sergeant Sigmon grabbed one negro by his trousers and held on while he slid through the window. Another carried the sash and pines with him. Those arrested were Jim Warlick, Bam Copening, Major Shuford, Wallace King, Toss Shuford and Rufus Smyre. The two latter put up bonds for their appearance, but the others were jailed. Those who escaped in the dark were Gus Bell, Charlie Sudduth and Earl Tolliver.
Jim Warlick's house had been a busy place all day, it appeared.

BROOKFORD ROAD IN BAD CONDITION

With few exceptions the sand-clay roads in Catawba county have held up remarkably well under the heavy weather for the past few weeks, according to persons who have traveled them. One notable exception is the road between Hickory and Brookford, and this is in a terrible condition. The surface is broken, and the workmen in their efforts to repair it have not helped it any, it is said. This is not the fault of the township commissioners, but is due to the heavy traffic that passes over the highway. As soon as the sun comes out warm again, the bad places will be dried up and the road put in good condition again.

FEWER CALLS MEAN BETTER CONDITIONS

Mr. C. C. Bost, disburser for the Associated Charities, said today that he has received fewer calls for help from persons in Hickory than he had received up to this time last year. Two causes are assigned, the first being that industrial conditions are better and the second that the weather had been more open, thus enabling many people to work outdoors. If the bad weather continues long, Mr. Bost said, there would be an increase in the demands on the association. The people of Hickory have stood behind the organization in fine spirit.

REVIVAL SERVICES RHODEISS CHURCH

A series of revival meetings, under the leadership of Rev. R. A. Taylor, conference evangelist, will begin at Rhodess Methodist church next Sunday and services will be held twice daily—at 2:30 and 7 p. m. for ten days or longer. Mr. J. B. Turner will lead in the singing. Rev. G. W. Fink, pastor of the Rhodess church, was in Hickory today and made the announcement. It is hoped that much interest will be aroused.

Kansas has a woman candidate for vice president. Which goes to show that women are models. About all the men who thus far have announced their willingness to be candidates want to head the ticket.—Providence Journal.

In informing the suffragists that their right to vote is a state and not a national issue, the president told them what every woman suffragist should and perhaps does not know but which many of them stubbornly refuse to acknowledge.—New York World.

BALKAN STATES AGREE NOT TO FIGHT

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 2.—A newspaper of Bucharest declares that Greece and Roumania have signed a dual neutrality convention, according to a dispatch received here by wireless from Rome.

APPAM CASE IS BOTHERING 'EM ALL

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 2.—State department officials are said to have held that if the Appam is finally held to be a prize, the Prussian treaty of 1828 will be adhered to rather than the Hague convention. In that case the Appam will be turned over to the prize crew, and some express the opinion that the prize crew, rather than let her fall back into the hands of the British, will take the ship to the three mile limit and sink her. In case she is held to be a German cruiser, the vessel will be given a certain length of time to take on supplies and sail.

The neutrality commission was investigating the matter today. The British ambassador today formally asked Secretary Lansing to-day for the release of the Appam under the Hague convention, claiming that it superseded the Prussian treaty.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS
(By Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.—Moderate gains and a few declines were recorded at the opening of today's trading, the market lacking the snap and vigor of yesterday's session. United States Steel made a gain which was immediately yielded, and other specialties made light offerings. Industrial Alcohol continued its extraordinary gyrations with an early gain of five and Texas Company rose two points.

NEW YORK COTTON
(By Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.—The cotton market sold under a renewal of liquidation and scattering pressure during today's early trading, and after starting out at a decline of five to nine points, prices sold nine to fifteen points net lower. There was a great deal of covering and prices rose.

CHICAGO WHEAT
(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Weakness developed in the wheat market today, owing largely to lower quotations from Liverpool. Opening prices which ranged from a shade to 7-8 to 1 cent down, with May at 1.34 to 1.34 3-4, and July at 1.25 5-8 to 1.25 7-8, were followed by an upturn to above yesterday's finish.

COTTON FUTURES

New York, Feb. 2.—Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady.

March	Open	Close
-----	11.81	11.88
-----	12.00	12.07
-----	1.00	12.07
-----	12.10	12.18
-----	12.13	12.35
-----	12.28	12.35

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	-----	11 1/2
Wheat	-----	11 1/2

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Probably snow in western and snow in eastern portion tonight. Colder tonight and on the coast Thursday, fresh shifting winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

Feb. 1,	1916	1915
Maximum	-----	58
Minimum	-----	33
Mean	-----	50
Rainfall	-----	73

We can conquer the world with love and friendship says Mr. Bryan. But how can we love and befriend a foreign power that comes over to beat the stuffing out of us.—Kansas City Journal.

Berlin says Turkey will admit sinking the Persia. It probably would have admitted sinking the Lusitania, if that had been thought of soon enough.—Indianapolis Star.

Meridian, Miss., has dedicated a new city hall costing \$125,000.

RELIEF PARTIES LOOKING FOR MAROONED

(By Associated Press.)

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 2.—Relief parties began a systematic exploration of the flooded river banks for the several hundred persons reported marooned. Several river boats and schooners started for the district flooded when the Arkansas river broke through its banks near Cummins but did not reach the scene until night and could make only slight progress in the darkness.

Five breaks were reported in the Arkansas river levee between Cummins and Douglas, a distance of twelve miles, and it is feared that virtually the entire embankment will be washed away. Approximately 100,000 acres of farm lands and a score of towns and settlements will be flooded.

COLOR CITIZENS ASK FOR WATER

A delegation of colored citizens, headed by S. A. Brown, appeared before city council last night and urged the extension of water mains to south Twelfth street, where the fire occurred several days ago. The delegation was informed that the matter had been under consideration and that the board was desirous of making the extension as soon as possible.

Will Carleton, colored, asked council to order the extension of 14th street south so that it might be used as a driveway. The matter was taken under advisement.

The franchise question was discussed informally and it is probable that it will be taken up at the meeting next Thursday night.

Mr. John W. Ballew served as clerk to the board for the first time since becoming city manager.

ODD FELLOWS RUN CARD IN RECORD

Hickory Lodge, No. 206, I. O. O. F., last night made a new departure. Hereafter a lodge directory card will appear in the Record every day in the week, giving the meeting night, the secretary and inviting brother Odd Fellows to meet with it. The Odd Fellows are growing rapidly in Hickory and they want every member here and elsewhere to attend their meetings. Other lodges will take up the question of running cards in the Record's Fraternal Directory column, it is said, and in that way do two things—boost themselves and help a newspaper that is anxious to help them in any manner possible. Mr. H. M. Miller, advertising manager, will be glad to present the matter to the lodges.

BOTH STEAMERS WERE AFLOAT EARLY TODAY

(By Associated Press.)

Halifax, Feb. 2.—That the Japanese steamer Takata Maru and the steamer Silvershell which were reported to have been in collision 200 miles southeast of Cape Race last night were afloat at 4 o'clock this morning, from which place a wireless was received. A wireless sent late last night said it was feared the Takata had sunk. The statement added that the Silvershell had been badly damaged. Neither ship had been reached today.

FIRST NATIONAL HAS NEW MACHINE

The First National Bank has installed an individual bookkeeping machine which enables the bank to take care of the accounts of its customers with more ease than formerly. Mr. J. L. Cilley, assistant cashier, remarked today that the machine was so careful that when a man overdraw his account, a bell would ring like a fire alarm until he made good. The machine is one of the numerous aids installed by modern banking institutions to improve their service.

CONCERNING THAT SCORE

According to a number of persons, the alleged correction in the Record signed by Jake Lyerly, "official scorer," did the Hickory high school girls an injustice, in that it appeared that they did not win the basketball game from Claremont College Saturday night. It was said that Mr. Lyerly was not official scorer or any official of the game. The final score of the game, according to these witnesses, was 8 to 6, as published in the Record Monday. The referee, Miss Lenore Sourber, says the score was 6 to 6 in favor of the high school girls. The Record is not interested in the controversy, and its only intention was to give the facts.

Savannah is rigidly enforcing Georgia prohibition law.

FORMER BRITISH LINER RIDES ANCHOR IN PORT

United States Government Considering What to
Do With Appam and German Prize Crew--

Identity of Sea Raider Not
Established Yet.

FAMOUS TREATY IS TRIMMED UP SOME

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 2.—Reducing the proposed payment to Colombia from \$25,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and altering the proposed apology of the United States for the partition of Panama to make it a mutual expression of regret on the part of the United States and Colombia, the senate foreign relations committee today ordered a favorable report on the long pending Colombian treaty.

MISTRIAL ORDERED

Greensboro, Feb. 2.—Judge Cline in superior court today ordered a mistrial in the case of Edgar Burton, a white man, charged with abandoning his baby boy on the Winston-Salem train here a few weeks ago. The infant was left on the train by a woman, it being charged that this person was Burton's wife. The jury took the case yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and announced today that it was hopelessly deadlocked.

BELIEVE RAIDER FITTED OUT IN U. S.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 2.—It is understood here that the Appam carried 500,000 pounds sterling bullion, which probably will be claimed as a prize, as bullion is contraband. An Exchange Telegram Company dispatch says that shipping circles are greatly aroused over the Appam's capture. A British captain in the service 40 years is quoted as saying that the German raider could not have escaped the British blockade and put out to sea.

From his familiarity with the American coast, he feels satisfied that the raiding ship fitted out from some American port. It is cited that Admiral Semmes, the Confederate commander, fitted out from a British port and that a ship he brought in was turned over to her owners.

THIRD PLACE FOR
NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—That the North Carolina state board of health ranks third in points of efficiency as based on her per capita expenditure for health work is the position given her in a rating made recently under the direction of the Council on Health and Public Instruction of the American Medical Association. This survey, made in 1914 of all the state boards of health, by Dr. Charles V. Chapin, of Providence, R. I., gives in tabulated form the essential facts regarding the activities, equipment and accomplishments of all the state health departments and affords a comparative study of all public health work in this country.

The rating sheet prepared from the survey reports North Carolina in no bad light. In fact, she ranks highest among all southern states in public health work. While eleven states surpass her in the gross number of points regarded as efficiency, only two states having lower rates per capita expenditure, Ohio and Indiana, rank higher in points of work done, or in efficiency. North Carolina received an extra ten points for her work against nostrums, and in her bulletin, lecture and newspaper work she came up to the required standard.

In the section of the report given to North Carolina, recognition of Dr. R. H. Lewis' services rendered while in connection with the board is given as follows: "The present activities and progressive attitude of the North Carolina department of health are largely due to the self-sacrificing efforts of the former secretary, Dr. Lewis, who voluntarily resigned so that a full time executive might be appointed. Until 1909, the appropriation had been but \$2,000."

The ice circuit for horses winds up today on the Ottawa river. The purses broke all records, reaching nearly \$50,000. The ice racing is steadily growing in favor, both with the patrons and the horse owners.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Feb. 2.—While the United States government considers what treatment shall be accorded her, the former British liner Appam lies at anchor off Fortress Monroe today.

Until orders come from Washington no one will be permitted to land except Lieutenant Berg, the prize crew commander. The custom officials do not know who will be prisoners of war, who will be entitled to liberty or whether the German prize crew constitutes an armed foreign expedition in American territorial waters.

It is said that Lieutenant Berg has asked the United States government to lay up the Appam in Virginia waters as a fair prize of war, differentiating all prisoners of war as designated when captured. Officials do not believe this can be done, and say that after receiving provisions and supplies, the liner must put to sea.

Nothing is known of the mysterious German commerce raider which captured the Appam and at least seven other steamers off the African coast. Presumably she still roams the seas, and those who have talked with those on the Appam think it will be only a matter of time before other evidences of her work appear in American ports.

The Appam carried a large amount of explosives, and the prize crew, it was said, had rigged up a device for blowing up the ship in case of trouble from the British crew, and that this threat was held over the heads of the captives.

Many Children Aboard
Among those aboard are 15 women and many children, the exact number of which has not been determined. Sir Edward Meriwether, governor of Sierra Leone, a British province in West Africa, and his wife, are passengers. There are also several officers of the British army and navy. Others included Fred James, secretary administrator of Nigeria, who is a relative of Lord Decies of the Marquess of Salisbury.

The masters of all the vessels captured are on the Appam except the captain of the Clan MacTavish, who with most of the members of his crew were taken aboard the Moeve.

Collector Hamilton was in communication by telephone with the department officials, to whom he made a full statement of the facts as presented to him by Lieutenant Berg. He has sent a long written statement to the department.

Lieutenant Berg refused to give any information to newspaper men and would not permit none of them to come aboard while the status of the vessel remained undetermined. He even refused to identify himself further than to say he was a lieutenant in the naval reserves and formerly was master of a German merchant vessel. During his interview with Collector Hamilton he remarked that many times he had been in the Norfolk custom house to enter and clear vessels engaged in trade. He did not mention the names of these vessels, however.

English Ship Fought
From all reports there was a great excitement aboard the Appam during the battle between the Moeve and the Clan MacTavish, although the liner was about 10 miles away at the time. The Clan MacTavish was armed with only one or two small guns for defensive purposes, but her commander, the commander of the latter was an "exciting combat." The fact that the Moeve sustained no damage in the fight is accepted as indicating that her guns were of larger caliber and of longer range as the Clan MacTavish was sunk and 15 men killed and at least three wounded.

Silent German

Lieutenant Berg, a heavy set German sailor with reddish mustache, gave Collector Hamilton no more information than he considered his official duty required. He did not disclose the identity of the Moeve nor the name of her commander, but he admitted that he himself had been merely a subordinate officer of the raider. He supplied no details of the capture of the vessels taken by the Moeve, firmly though constantly refusing to be cross examined.

PRESIDENT WILSON IN TOPEKA, KANSAS

(By the Associated Press.)
Topeka, Kan., Feb. 2.—President Wilson touched the furthest point west in his preparatory trip today. Elaborate arrangements were made to meet his train at 10 o'clock. The president was scheduled to speak at 1 o'clock and to deliver an address to an overflow crowd afterwards.

Capablanca, the Cuban marvel, is having it all his own way in the chess championship tournament at New York.